IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: NISHIUCHI, Takeshi et al.

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 20, 2003, extended to February 20, 2004 by a petition for a one month extension of time, entry of the following remarks and amendments, and re-examination and reconsideration are respectively requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.